

## SENATE RESOLUTION 185

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION congratulating Barbara C. "Sami" Barile upon being elected the first female Mayor of the City of Morristown.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders and who have achieved historic victories; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable person is Barbara C. "Sami" Barile, who became Morristown's first female Mayor on May 7, 2007; two Bibles were used in her swearing-in, one which belonged to her late father, and the other belonging to her mother; and

WHEREAS, Sami Barile has a long history of service to Morristown and its citizens, having served as a volunteer with a number of worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, from 1982 through 1986, Ms. Barile was Co-Chair of Rose Center's Mountain Makins' Festival; also during this time, she served as Chair of the Rose Service Guild and Hamblen County's Projects Co-Chair for Governor Lamar Alexander's Tennessee Homecoming '86; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mayor Barile became Executive Director of the Morristown/Hamblen Keep America Beautiful (KAB) System, a position she held with distinction for more than ten years; under her direction, KAB won several State and national awards, founded a Christmas Tree Recycling program, started the Recycle Morristown program, and began partnering with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation on Household Hazardous Waste Collection; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement as Executive Director, Sami Barile was recognized with Keep America Beautiful, Inc.'s Professional Leadership Award, the Morristown

Area Chamber of Commerce's Presidential Citation, and was named Woman of the Year by Girls, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Mayor Barile became Chairman of the Board of Directors of Rose Center; during her tenure as Chair, she led the group in raising \$75,000, thus meeting the requirements of a matching grant from the State of Tennessee, which allowed for major repairs to a 1892-era building; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Mayor Barile was instrumental in bringing together representatives of the City of Morristown, Hamblen County, business, industry, and KAB volunteers to design, educate for, and implement one of the nation's first county-wide house-to-house recycling programs that included rural areas; as the spokesperson for the Recycling Task Force, she has spoken about the recycling program at State, national, and international conferences; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these many endeavors, Ms. Barile has also served astutely on the Hamblen County-Morristown Solid Waste Board, the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, the Morristown Cemetery Restoration Committee, and the City of Morristown Tree Board; she was appointed to the Morristown Regional Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals in 2002 and she continues to serve on those organizations as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Barile is a founding board member of the Recycling Marketing Cooperative for Tennessee, the Smoky Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council, and Clean Islands International; and

WHEREAS, Sami Barile is most grateful for the love and support she receives from her husband, Pete; her three children; her two daughters-in-law; and her twin grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Barile's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Barile is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Barbara C. "Sami"

Barile upon her numerous contributions to Morristown and Hamblen County, and we extend to her our best wishes for every success as the first female Mayor of Morristown.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.